(d) if so, what are the details of those members?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 1980-81 and 1981-82 (Two years).

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

**Shifting of Central Government offices from Calcutta**

2168. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the Central Government head offices, which have been already shifted or are planned to be shifted from Calcutta;

(b) what is the total number of workers and employees in these Central Government offices; and

(c) what are the reasons for shifting of offices in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

**Cotton production**

2169. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated production of cotton during the current year;

(b) what was the production last year; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to boost-production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) and (b) All India production of cotton during the crop year 1986-87 was 70.2 lakh bales of 170 Kgs. each. As per current assessment, the production during the crop year 1987-88 is likely to be around 65 lakh bales.

(c) In order to boost the production of cotton and to improve its quality, a Centrally Sponsored Intensive Cotton Development Programme is being implemented in all the major cotton growing States, except Tamil Nadu. Under this programme, the production is sought to be increased by distributing certified seeds, laying out of demonstration plots and extending the package of improved practices for larger areas, etc.

**Stockist of Hindustan Levers Ltd. in Delhi**

2170. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of Stockists of Hindustan Levers Ltd., for different regions of Delhi for sale of washing soap/toilet soap; and

(b) whether any check is exercised by Government on arbitrary increase in the prices of the above categories of soaps which take place almost every month?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) Relevant information, as received from Hindustan Levers Ltd., is given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below).

(b) The soap industry is not subjected to price and distribution controls by the Govt. The Government import every year Crude Palm Stearine/Palm Fatty Acid Distillate to

bridge the gap between the demand for and supply of soapery oils in the country in order to ensure that the prices of soaps are kept within reasonable limits. The Government are keeping a close watch on the situation.

**Statement**

List of Redistribution Stockists of Hindustan Levers Ltd. in Delhi.

**Name and address**

1. Share Krishna Tea Company, 6306 Naya Bans.
2. Manoharlal Munshilal, Khari Baoli.
3. S.R. Traders, 54A Ring Road Market, Rajouri Garden.
4. Ganda Ram Om Parkash, Najafgarh.
5. Om Agencies, S-22, Green Park Extension.
6. Mauji Ram Vijay Kumar, Narela.
7. Prem Nath Goel & Co., 104/105 Block C, Lajpat Nagar II.
8. New Bhagat Sugar Depot, 4778B Main Bazar, Paharganj.
9. Chiranjilal Chanderbhan, 31 D Kamlanagar.
10. Basant Ram Tirath Ram, 2235 Hardhian Singh Road, Karolbagh.
11. Rameswar Das Raghbir Singh, A/4/4 Main Road, Krishanagar.
12. Kundanlal & Sons, E-109A Mansarover Garden.
13. Home Product Agencies, E-99/10 Okhla Industrial Area, Phase II.
14. Siddhartha & Associates, A-33 Wazirpur Industrial Area.
15. Amritlal & Sons, F-206-B Mangal Bazar, Laxminagar.
16. Sant Singh Ramlal, 3117, Bahadurgarh Road.

**Development of Buddhist Centres**

2171. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have chalked out any time bound programme for identification and development of Buddhist centres in the country to attract Indian and Foreign tourists; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Central Ministry of Tourism constituted a Task Force to identify Buddhist centres located in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar. The Task Force has formulated an Action Plan for development of tourism infrastructure in both these States with the combined resources of the Central Government, the State Governments concerned and the private sector, in a phased manner. The Ministry has constituted another Task Force for identification of Buddhist centres located in States other than Uttar Pradesh and Bihar. The Report of the Task Force is awaited.

**Progress in the modernisation of steel plants**

2172. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to refer to Unstarred Question 37 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 6th November, 1987 and state what progress has been made so far in the modernisation of steel plants in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STEEL IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): The present position of the modernisation of SAIL Steel Plants is as under:—